

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Heinz Loosen
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS
UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

In response to the outstanding NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US), Applicant hereby respectfully submits the following:

(1) a DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY identifying the above application by serial number, filing date and title of invention, said DECLARATION being duly executed by the inventor;

(2) a check in the amount of \$65.00 to cover the surcharge for late filing of the DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY;

(3) a VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL BUSINESS ENTITY STATUS - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR

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(4) a PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT;

(5) an INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT;

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(6) a FURTHER PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND, together with a check in the amount of \$135.00 to cover the extension fee; and

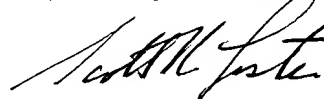
(7) a duplicate copy of the NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US), as requested in the Notice.

It is not clear to Applicant's attorneys whether the basic filing fee of \$930.00 was charged to the attorneys' deposit account. If not, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 16-0221.

It is believed that these documents constitute a full response to the outstanding NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) in the above-identified case.

If any further fees are required to be paid, please charge the same to Deposit Account No. 16-0221.

Respectfully submitted,



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